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WHEREAS, the Honorable Earl Blumenauer has served the citizens of Oregon and the Nation with distinction and has demonstrated high standards of public service and representation throughout his legislative career; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Earl Blumenauer has earned the respect and admiration of the residents of Oregon and the listeners of public radio stations serving that great state; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Earl Blumenauer has a deep and abiding commitment to community development and has invested personally in community organizations to expand and improve community decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Earl Blumenauer inspired the creation of and became the Co-Chair of the Congressional Public Broadcasting Caucus as a forum for Members of Congress to discuss, advocate for, and educate others about public broadcasting and the important public services it provides; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Earl Blumenauer has long been a supporter of advanced federal funding for public broadcasting, an essential component of public broadcasting's financial stability, editorial independence and operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Earl Blumenauer, as current Co-Chairman of the Congressional Public Broadcasting Caucus, has deftly guided advocacy on behalf of public broadcasting funding for many years, and has stepped forward to lead efforts to gain critical financial support in years of greatest challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Earl Blumenauer is widely acclaimed and highly honored throughout the public radio community for his clear and consistent record of support for funding the needs of America's public radio stations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of and deep appreciation for his leadership on funding and policy issues to public radio, the NPR Board of Directors presents the Honorable Earl Blumenauer with the 2005 Public Radio Leadership Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, along with a record of this award, will be archived in the NPR corporate files.

Approved May, 2005